

Scot Chang
Tape 1

Kokubun: We are recovering our Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, this is Friday, uhm April the thirteenth, at approximately 1:10 in the afternoon. We are in executive session with subpoenaed witness Scot Chang. Present in the room at this time is Sara Akinaka, attorney with the Senate Majority Attorney's Office; Richard Wada, the Senate Majority Attorney; Jason Watts, the deputy Sergeant-at-arms; members of the committee, ???I'm Russell Kokubun, Chairman of the Committee; Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice-Chair of the Committee; Senator Sam Slom, the member of the Committee. We also have present attorney General Mark Bennett and Scot Chang. Scot, will you please stand and raise your right hand please. I'm going to swear you in at this time. Do you swear or affirm that the testimony that you will be giving at this hearing will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Chang: Yes.

Kokubun: Thank you, please be seated. Scot you have been subpoenaed to testify on the background, character, and qualifications of Peter Young who has been nominated by the Governor to serve as Chairman of the Board and Land and Natural Resources. After being sworn in, I'm sure you understand that the testimony you give today will have to be truthful. Do you have that understanding?

Chang: Yes.

Kokubun: Thank you. Uhm...do you also understand that this proceeding is being taped? Uhm...a for...at least for recordation purposes for the executive session?

Chang: Yes.

Kokubun: Thank you. Scot, just for the record, would you please state your name and your address and place of employment?

Chang: My name is Scot Chang. Scot with one "t", "K" Chang. My address is 1212 Nuuanu Avenue, apartment 1302. Honolulu, Hawaii, 96817.

Kokubun: And Scot you're the position you hold, place of employment please.

Chang: My, uh, I'm employed at the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I am an abstractor six.

Kokubun: And how long have you been with the department?

Chang: Uh, I believe I've been there roughly, eight months. I started July of 2006.

Kokubun: And did you start in the Bureau as an abstractor?

Chang: I, I started at the Bureau as an abstractor five.

Kokubun: But all of your, your employment at DLNR has been at the Bureau of Conveyances?

Chang: Yes.

Kokubun: ok. Uhm.

Chang: Oh, I'm sorry, prior, my prior employment you mean?

Kokubun: No, no, no...well your work for the department of land and natural resources has been at the bureau of conveyances?

Chang: Yes, yes, yes.

Kokubun: ok.

Chang: Uh hm.

Kokubun: Can you tell us about your previous employment?

Chang: Yes. My previous employment, uh, prior to DLNR, I worked at Title Guaranty from, I believe, 1999 to 2001, and after Title Guaranty, from 2001 to 2006, I was at Island Title. And from 2006 July till now I'm with DLNR.

Kokubun: And what was your position at the Title Guaranty and at Island Title?

Chang: I was a searcher recorder. I provide title searches for Title Guaranty and after searching title records, I recorded documents with the bureau of conveyances when I was both at Title Guaranty and Island Title.

Kokubun: Now Scot, you know, we have received some documents that you are providing to the Committee.

Chang: Yes.

Kokubun: OK. Uhm, I'm assuming you will be using that as we ask you questions as reference.

Chang: Yes, yes.

Slom?????: Oh, perfect timing., perfect timing.

Kokubun: Let's see, ??? for the record at 1, uh 1:20 p.m. uh, Senator Hee has joined our executive session.

Slom: It's about you Hee...

Fukunaga: Oops, excuse me. Sorry I'm late.

Kokubun: Let me just for the record indicate that at 1:30 Senator Fukunaga joined us in executive session with subpoenaed witness Scot Chang.

Kokubun: Okay, questions members?

Slom: Yes.

Kokubun: Yes, Senator Slom.

Slom: Yes, Mr. Chang, I noticed that in your e-mail here you identify yourself as a steward with the union HGEA.

Chang: Yes.

Slom: How long have you been a steward?

Chang: I've been a steward since my third month there I believe.

Slom: Ok, has uh, have you or your union filed any grievances regarding this situation?

Chang: I believe, I don't know...honest...I don't know.

Slom: Ok.

Chang: I only know what I...

Chang: You manually index the documents. I'm an abstractor, which in other words, when I pull up these images that is scanned, I visually look at it, I pull out what is necessary for the public to view, and I manually index it. ??? the grand ??? description, what's it all about. The State right now has five indexers, and I'm one of them. As it goes down...so only five people can do so much...as eighty documents get recorded, and there are thousands of documents being recorded daily.

Fukunaga: Ok, so at the scanning point, the scanning is kind of proceeding ongoingly, and it's current as of, I mean, whenever the most current stuff is. This is most of the regular system...it's basically up-to-date.

Chang: Yes.

Fukunaga: Ok, land court is a different story, but this part is really dealing primarily...

Chang: This is also land court too.
